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ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

the specification of which (check applicable box(s)):

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Country Japan

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(Assignee) SUNTORY LIMITED
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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the undersigned's entire right, title and interest for Japan the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefore, known as

(Title) ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION
for which the undersigned has (have) executed on even date herewith an application for patent in the United States of America or, if not on even date, then has executed on or has already filed U.S. application Serial No. 09/857,795, on June 11, 2001.

The undersigned acknowledges an obligation of assignment of this invention to said assignee at the time the invention was made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents necessary in connection with the application or any interference which may be declared and any continuing or divisional applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient and further to perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

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The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

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